

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 27 have been amended and claim 39 has been canceled. No claims have been added. Accordingly, claims 1, 4-5, 10, 18-23 and 25-38 are now pending in the application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and allow the subject application in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 4-5, 10, 18-23 and 25-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki et al. (U.S. Pat. App. No. 10/766,565) in view of Tanaka et al. (U.S. Pat. App. No. 10/473,803) and, with respect to some of the claims, Greisz (U.S. Pat. 5,730,770), Van Winkle (U.S. Pat. 5,942,017) or Chung (U.S. Pat. 6,660,070). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant first submits that Suzuki constitutes nonanalogous prior art, and therefore cannot form the basis of a §103 rejection. More specifically, Suzuki relates to substrate transport pods, located in highly clean air-filtered environments called "clean rooms," for storing or transporting silicon wafers. See paragraphs 0003, 0005 and 0116-0117. Suzuki, accordingly, is not in the same field of endeavor as the instant application, which relates to *outdoor* equipment enclosures, located outside and in potentially harsh environments, for housing and cooling electronic equipment such as telecommunication equipment, cable television equipment and/or data transmission equipment. See paragraph 0004 of the instant application. Moreover, Suzuki cannot be said to be reasonably pertinent because one skilled in the art of outdoor equipment

enclosures would not consider or even find Suzuki's disclosure related to substrate transport pods for semiconductor clean rooms.

Applicant further submits that even if Suzuki could be considered a proper §103 reference, and even if it would have been obvious to combine Suzuki and Tanaka in the manner suggested, the combination would still fail to teach an *outdoor* equipment enclosure having an *inlet for intaking ambient air* as recited by amended claims 1 and 27.

More specifically, Suzuki, as discussed above, discloses a transport pod, the external environment of which is an air-filtered clean room. Suzuki further discloses that its transport pod can include an air supply opening 21 and a discharge opening 22. As shown in Figs. 13-14, air flows from the opening 21 to the opening 22, and then flows through a filter duct 12 back to the opening 21. Even assuming for the sake of argument that the opening 21 constitutes an inlet, Suzuki fails to teach or suggest an inlet for intaking ambient air because the air that enters the opening 21 is recirculated filtered air from the transport pod itself, rather than ambient air from the external environment.

Furthermore, the secondary references fail to overcome the shortcomings of the Suzuki reference discussed above.

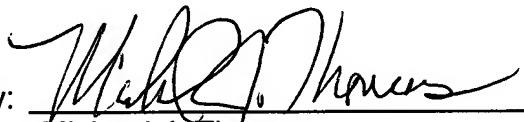
For at least these reasons, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the §103 rejection of claims 1 and 27, and the claims depending therefrom.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (314) 726-7500.

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